

in February 1997, and a check of the aircraft records will give a good indication as to whether these filters have been installed on an aircraft.

(c) Special flight permits may be issued for daytime visual flight rules (VFR) flight only, in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location to accomplish the requirement of this AD.

(d) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an equivalent level of safety may be approved by the Manager, Chicago Aircraft Certification Office, 2300 E. Devon, Des Plaines, Illinois 60018. The request shall be forwarded through an appropriate FAA Maintenance Inspector, who may concur or comment and then send it to the Manager, Chicago Aircraft Certification Office.

Note 4: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Chicago Aircraft Certification Office.

(e) Information related to this AD may be inspected at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Assistant Chief Counsel, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

(f) This amendment (39-10103) becomes effective on September 18, 1997, to all persons except those persons to whom it was made immediately effective by priority letter AD 97-16-10, issued July 31, 1997, which contained the requirements of this amendment.

Issued in Kansas City, Missouri, on August 14, 1997.

Michael Gallagher,
Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Parts 121, 125, 129, and 135

[Docket No. 28109; Amendment Nos. 121-266, 125-30, 129-27, 135-69]

RIN 2120-AF76

Revisions to Digital Flight Data Recorder Rules

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

Correction

In rule document 97-18514 beginning on page 38362 in the issue of Thursday, July 17, 1997, make the following correction:

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 [Corrected]

1. On page 38362, in the first column, under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

CONTACT: in the sixth line, the telephone number "(202) 267-8096" should read "(202) 267-8166".

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 15, 1997.

Brenda D. Courtney,
Manager, Aircraft and Airports Rules Division.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

20 CFR Part 335

RIN 3220-AB30

Sickness Benefits

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Railroad Retirement Board (Board) hereby amends its regulations under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA) to permit a substance-abuse professional to execute a statement of sickness in support of payment of sickness benefits under the RUIA.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule will be effective September 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Secretary to the Board, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas W. Sadler, Senior Attorney, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611, (312) 751-4513, TDD (312) 751-4701.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 335.2(a)(2) of the Board's regulations provides that in order to be entitled to sickness benefits under the RUIA, a claimant must provide a "statement of sickness." Section 335.3(a) of the Board's regulations lists the individuals from whom the Board will accept a statement of sickness. That list does not currently include a "substance-abuse professional" (SAP), although employees may claim sickness benefits under circumstances resulting from alcohol or controlled-substances-related disorders. In providing that an SAP under this part must meet the qualifications outlined in the Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations at 49 CFR part 40.3, the Board recognizes the importance of nationally-accepted standards for SAPs. The DOT regulations define an SAP as a licensed physician (Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy), a licensed or certified psychologist, a licensed or certified social worker, or a licensed or certified employee assistance

professional. The DOT regulations also include alcohol and drug abuse counselors certified by the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) Certification Commission, a national organization imposing qualification standards for treatment of alcohol and drug-related disorders.

Under the DOT regulations, an SAP must have knowledge of, and clinical experience in, the diagnosis and treatment of alcohol and controlled substances-related disorders. Accordingly, those individuals who have the requisite degrees or certificates, but who lack knowledge and clinical experience in alcohol and substance abuse-related disorders, would not meet the criteria of a qualified SAP under this part.

The Board published this rule as a proposed rule on April 18, 1997 (62 FR 19072), and invited comments by June 17, 1997. No comments were received.

The Board, with the concurrence of the Office of Management and Budget, has determined that this is not a significant regulation action for purposes of Executive Order 12866. Therefore, no regulatory impact analysis is required. There are no information collections associated with this rule.

List of Subjects in 20 CFR Part 335

Railroad employees, Railroad sickness benefits.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, title 20, chapter II, part 335 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 335—SICKNESS BENEFITS

1. The authority citation for part 335 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 45 U.S.C. 362(i) and 362(l).

2. Section 335.3(a) is amended by removing "or" at the end of paragraph (a)(8) of this section, by removing the period at the end of paragraph (a)(9) of this section and adding "; or", and by adding a new paragraph (a)(10) to read as follows:

§ 335.3 Execution of statement of sickness and supplemental doctor's statement.

(a) * * *

(10) A substance-abuse professional as defined in 49 CFR part 40.3, if the infirmity involves alcohol or controlled substances-related disorders.

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Dated: August 12, 1997.

By Authority of the Board.